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XII. — Compound Adjectives in Early Latin Poetry

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In the Golden Age of Latin we find the perfection of style, the flawless expression of the writer's thought. We find, too. certain well-recognized types of literature, separated from one another by clear and definite lines. Between the nugae and the longer poems of Catullus, for instance, or the letters and the formal prose of Cicero, there are differences of vocabulary and sentence structure which even an uncritical reader may observe. But this perfection and this differentiation were reached only after an evolution covering several hundred years. The first crude attempts at composition must have been very close to the ordinary speech of the day; but, as time went on, different writers consciously shaped the language to their own ends, choosing from the vocabulary of the people around them, echoing - or avoiding - the phrasing of their predecessors, and inventing words or turns of expression to suit the matter which they wished to present.

The history of the development of Latin style has never been written in full, and cannot be written until much detailed work has been done in many fields. One of the fields is diction; and it is to a limited section of this field that the present study is devoted. This paper attempts an examination of the compound adjectives in Latin poetry from the earliest times to the beginning of the Ciceronian Age (81 B.C.) -their form, their meaning, and their range of use. Cicero's own poetry is excluded from the discussion, even though some of it undoubtedly falls before the year 81; and like-

¹ Norden's Antike Kunstprosa (Leipzig, 1898) gives an admirable discussion of the development of artistic prose in both Greek and Latin. Ribbeck's Römische Tragödie (Leipzig, 1875) and Römische Dichtung (Stuttgart², 1894) and H. de la Ville de Mirmont's Études sur l'ancienne poésie latine (Paris, 1903) contain valuable observations on the work of different authors, but do not attempt a historical treatment of style.

wise the work of Marcus Varro, Publilius Syrus, Decimus Laberius, Cornificius, Bibaculus, and Egnatius.

The paper deals only with compounds made from two independent roots, disregarding those formed with prepositional and inseparable prefixes.² No account is taken of numerals (e.g. quinusvicenarius, Plaut. Ps. 303), nor of adjectives like morologus (Plaut. Pers. 49, Ps. 1264) and monogrammus (Lucil. 59 Marx), which are merely transliterated from the Greek. Benedictum and maledictum, benefactum and malefactum,³ are excluded. On the other hand, the discussion includes substantive uses of recognized adjectives like duplus and veneficus, and substantives like sonipes, Cortinipotens, and flabellifera, which are similar in formation to a large number of adjectives.⁴

The 240 words which make up the list show great variety of form and composition.⁵ The same word may have two or three different endings, with no apparent distinction in meaning (benevolens, benevolus; bisulcis, bisulcus; laetificans, laetificus; maledicax, maledicens, maledicus; malevolens, malevolus; quadrupedans, quadrupedus, quadrupes; unanimans, unianimus; velivolans, velivolus); or the two elements

² Compounds of *semi-*, *sim-*, and *tri-* (= *ter*) are, however, included, and also compounds of the obsolete *-fendo* and *-imus*.

³ Listed as adjectives used substantively in the appendix to N. Helwich's monograph on the adjectives of Plautus (*Nabljudénija nad imjendmi prilagd-telynymi u Plawta* St. Petersburg, 1893). *Perenniservus*, which Helwich includes with the same note, is also omitted from the present discussion.

⁴ An alphabetical list is given at the close of the article. Plautus is cited from the text of Goetz and Schoell (ed. min., 1892-1896), Terence from that of Dziatzko (1884), Lucilius from Marx's edition (1904), the *Annals* of Ennius from the edition of Vahlen (1903), other dramatic poetry from Ribbeck, *Scaen. Rom. poesis frag.*³ (1897-98), and other non-dramatic poetry (referred to as *Carm.*) from Baehrens, *Frag. poet. Rom.* (1886). A * indicates an apparent ἄπαξ εἰρημένον, ? a doubtful reading, [] suspected authorship. Substantive uses, masculine, feminine, or neuter, are marked s., s. m., etc. Comp. is comparative, sup. superlative.

⁵ Cf. Fr. Stolz, Die lat. Nominalkomposition in formaler Hinsicht, Innsbruck, 1877; Hist. Gram. d. lat. Sprache (Leipzig, 1894), 1, pp. 366-433. I have been unable to obtain the dissertations by Deipser (Über d. Bildung und Bedeutung d. lat. Adjective auf -fer u. -ger, Bromberg, 1886), and Skutsch (De nominum Lat. compositione quaest. select., Bonn, 1888), which are cited by Stolz in the latter work.

may be joined by different connecting vowels (unanimans, unianimus).6 Numeral prefixes vary between septem- and septu-, ter- and tri-. A number of the compounds have the secondary endings -bilis (horrificabilis, lucrificabilis, luctificabilis, ludificabilis, monstrificabilis, tabificabilis), -ius (crurifragius, falsiiurius, Unomammius), -arius (manifestarius, the secondary form of manifestus), or -inus (ferricrepinus, fustitudinus). Others are diminutives, although the primitive form which they presuppose has not always come down to us, and in some cases certainly did not exist (altipendulus, blandiloquentulus, damnigerulus, dentifrangibulus, gerulifigulus, munerigerulus, nucifrangibulum, plagigerulus, quadrimulus, salutigerulus, sandaligerula, scutigerulus). Sometimes the prefix in- gives a negative meaning (ingratificus, immisericors), or per-, ter-, or tri- intensifies (perterricrepus, terveneficus, trivenefica). A few of the adjectives appear in the comparative (confidentiloquus, maledicens, mendaciloquus, misericors)8 or superlative (magnificus, mirificus, sacrilegus, spissigradus).

In most cases the component parts of the adjective are clearly recognizable; but the roots of anceps and princeps, duplus, simplex, etc., have suffered considerable change. Manifestus comes from an obsolete fendo, 'grasp'; trimus and quadrimus are made by prefixing the numerals to the root which appears in hiems, χίων, χείμα. A few of the words are hybrids, made up of both Greek and Latin roots (ferritribax, from $\tau \rho i \beta \omega$; 9 pultiphagus, from $\phi \dot{\alpha} \gamma \omega$; 10 Scytalosagittipelliger, from $\sigma \kappa \nu \tau \dot{a} \lambda \eta$). The same elements which form some of the adjectives are similarly combined in verbs of the period; 11

⁶ In the Classical Period one of these forms was recognized as correct, to the exclusion of all the others. Cf. Norden, 1, 191, on the variant forms of necesse.

⁷ Noticed by Ribbeck, Röm. Trag. 645, n. 38, as a favorite of the tragic poets.

⁸ Cf. magis manufestum, Plaut. Men. 594; magis principem, Ter. Adelph. 259.

⁹ Cf. flagritriba (a form which Harper's Lexicon wrongly derives from tero), Plaut. Ps. 137; tympanotriba, Truc. 611; ulmitriba, Pers. 278 b.

¹⁰ Cf. Pultiphagonides, Plaut. Poen. 54.

¹¹ In this and the following notes citations of the more common words are not complete. For the verbs the list is as follows: benedico, Plaut, Asin. 745; excarnifico, Ter. Heaut. 813; duplico, Naev. Trag. 40; conduplico, Plaut. Ps. 1261; fumifico, Id. Mil. 412; laetificor, Id. Aul. 725; locupleto, Acc. Trag. 170; lu-

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and the adjectives themselves give rise to nouns, ¹² or to adverbs in -e, -o, or -ter. ¹³

The adjectives fall into two main groups, ¹⁴ of which the final element is in one case a noun, in the other either a verbal root or a participle in -ns, the second group outnumbering the first in the proportion of three to one. To the nominal root may be prefixed another noun in some case relation, an adjective, a numeral, or a verb; the verbal roots of the second class are preceded by nouns, adverbs, numerals, other verbs, and, in a single instance, a declined phrase. The prefix itself in one case consists of several coordinate words

difico, Plaut. Amph. 585; ludificor, Id. Amph. 565; deludifico, Id. Rud. 147; deludificor, Id. Most. 1033; eludificor, Id. Most. 1040; magnifico, Id. Men. 371, Stich. 101, Ter. Hec. 260; maledico, Plaut. Amph. 572; malefacio, Id. Truc. 295, Ter. Phorm. 394; mansuetus (from mansuesco), Id. And. 114; morigero, Plaut. Amph. 981; morigeror, Id. Capt. 198, Ter. Adelph. 218, Acc. Trag. 469; participo, Plaut. Pers. 757, Stich. 33, Enn. Trag. 321; quadruplico, Plaut. Stich. 405; sacrifico, Id. Amph. 983, Enn. Ann. 221, Ter. Phorm. 702; exsacrifico, Trag. inc. 9.

12 Benevolentia, Acc. Trag. 96, Afran. Tog. 101; blandiloquentia, Enn. Trag. 227; grandaevitas, Pac. Trag. 162, Acc. Trag. 68, 245; magnificentia (as if from a participle in -ns), Caecil. Com. 71, Ter. Phorm. 930; malevolentia, Plaut. Merc. 28; misericordia, Id. Most. 802, Ter. And. 126, Acc. Trag. 453; morigeratio, Afran. Tog. 380; stultiloquentia, Plaut. Trin. 222; unanimitas, Pac. Trag. 109; vaniloquentia, Plaut. Rud. 905. Cf. also: beneficium, Plaut. Capt. 358, Acc. Trag. 115; ferriterium, Plaut. Most. 744; lanificium, Id. Merc. 520; maleficium, Ter. Phorm. 336; mancipium, Plaut. Mil. 23; multiloquium, Id. Merc. 31, 37; principium, Id. Mil. 1219; stultiloquium, Id. Mil. 296.

18 Benedice, Plaut. Asin. 206 (wrongly cited in Thesaurus from Trin. 206); dupliciter, Id. Mil. 295, 296; hostifice, Acc. Trag. 82; immisericorditer, Ter. Adelph. 663; magnifice, Plaut. Ps. 911 (wrongly cited as 811 by Allardice and Junks in their Index of the Adverbs of Plautus, Oxford, 1913), Ter. Heaut. 556, Lucil. 388, Afran. Tog. 236; malefice, Plaut. Ps. 1211; manifesto, Id. Asin. 876; mirifice, Pomp. Atell. 96; morigere, Plaut. Cist. 84; opipare, Id. Bacch. 373, Caecil. Com. 100. Regifice (Enn. Trag. 85) implies the existence of a form regificus, although the first occurrence of the adjective in extant literature is in Verg. Aen. VI, 605.

14 The classification is based in part on that of Stolz, Hist. Gram. 1, pp. 376-426. The first group corresponds to the possessive (bahuvrihi) type of Sanskrit, the second to the determinative (tatpurusa), including both dependent and descriptive compounds. (See Whitney's Sanskrit Grammar [Boston 1896], §§ 1246-1316.) Copulative (dvandva) compounds, which are very rare even among Latin nouns, are represented among the adjectives of this period only by the first part of Scytalosagittipelliger. (See Stolz, p. 429.)

(Scytalosagittipelliger); in another it is made up of a word and its modifier (turpilucricupidus). The list follows:

I. SECOND ELEMENT NOMINAL

First Element.

- a) Noun: cornifrons, dentefaber?, loripes, nocticolor, pudoricolor, scrupeda, scrupipeda.
- b) Adjective: albicapillus, celeripes, crebrisurus, grandaevus, immisericors, levifidus, magnanimus, misericors, multigeneris, multigrumus, omnicolor, planipes, siccoculus, spissigradus, tardigeniclus, tardigradus.
- c) Numeral: anceps, bicorpor, bidens, biiugus, bilibris, bilinguis, bipes, bisulcis, quadriiugus, quadrilibris, quadrimulus, quadrimus, quadrupedus, quadrupes, quinquennis, semianimis, semisonnus, semisonarius, septempedalis, septuennis, Sescentoplagus, sexennis, tricorius, trimus, unianimus, unoculus, Unomammius.
- d) Verb: 1.5 Conterebromnius, flexanimus, incurvicervicus, repandirostrus, sonipes, versicapillus, versipellis.

II. SECOND ELEMENT VERBAL

First Element.

- a) Noun.
- 1. Direct Object: aericrepitans, armiger, arquitenens, bustirapus, carnificina, carnificius, cordipugus, Crurifragius, damnificus, damnigerulus, dentifrangibulus, dentilegus, dulcifer, ferricrepinus, ferriterus, ferritribax, flabellifera, flammifer, foedifragus, frondifer, frugifer, fumificus, furcifer, furtificus, fustitudinus, gerulifigulus, horrifer, horrificabilis, laetificans, laetificus, lanificus, laniger, lapicidina, lucifer, lucifugus, lucrifer, lucrificabilis, luctificabilis, ludificabilis, mercedimerus, merobibus, monstrificabilis, morigerus, mortifer, munerigerulus, munificus, muricidus, muscipula, nuci, frangibulum, nugerigerulus, odorisequus, opificina, opiparus, particepspedisequus, pestifer, pinniger, plagiger, plagigerulus, portentificus, puerperus, pultiphagus, sacrificus, sacrilegus, salutigerulus, sandaligerula, saxifragus, scrofipascus, scutigerulus, Scytalosagittipelliger, signifer, signitenens, sociofraudus, tabificabilis, terrificus, terveneficus, thyrsiger, trifurcifer, trivenefica, turpilucricupidus, umbraticolus, urbicapus, veneficus, vestiplica, vestispica, vinibua.
- 15 This type is rare in Latin. Stolz (pp. 392-393) follows Skutsch in thinking that it may have arisen through a misinterpretation of incurvicervicus and repandirostrus as equal to qui curvicem incurvat, qui rostrum repandit. Stolz suggests that the active sense of flexanimus may have developed through the influence of Greek compounds like $\pi\lambda\eta\xi\iota\pi\pi\sigma s$.
- 16 Lane in *Harv. Stud.* IX (1898), 13 f., assumes that gerulifigulos is equivalent to gerulos et figulos, and, since a compound of this sort is without parallel in Plautus, proposes the reading gerulos figulos. But Stolz (p. 429), following Langen, interprets the word as qui gerulum fingit.

- 2. Genitive: armipotens, bellipotens, caelipotens, Cortinipotens, locuples, omnipotens, salsipotens, sapientipotens, viripotens.
- 3. Ablative: bellicrepus?, capreaginus, caprigenus, Crucisalus?, ¹⁷ funambulus, manceps, manifestarius, manifestus, mansues, noctiluca, noctipuga, noctuvigilus, ¹⁸ speculoclarus?, ¹⁹ taurigenus, velivolans, velivolus.
- b) Adverb or Adverbial Accusative: altipendulus, altisonus, altitonans, altivolans, beneficus, benevolens, benevolus, blandidicus, blandiloquentulus, blandiloquus, confidentiloquus, doctiloquus, fallaciloquus, falsidicus, falsificus, falsiiurius, falsiloquus, hostificus, oingratificus, largificus, largiloquus, magnidicus, magnificus, maledicus, maledicus, maledicus, maledicus, maleticus, maleticus, malevolens, malevolus, mendaciloquus, mirificus, multibibus, multiloquus, multiplex, multipotens, obscuridicus, parcepromus, planiloquus, princeps, saevidicus, sensiloquus, spurcidicus, spurcificus, stultiloquus, stultividus, suaviloquens, suavisonus, vanidicus, vaniloquus, versutiloquus.
- c) Numeral: bipatens, centuplex, duplex, duplus, quadrupedans, quadruplex, quadrupulus, semidoctus, simplex, simplus, trigeminus, triparcus, triplex, unanimans, universus.
- d) Verb: contemnificus, contortiplicatus, crispisulcans, delenificus, perterricrepus.
 - e) Declined Phrase: dulciorelocus.

One notices the recurrence of the numeral prefixes bi-, ter-(tri-), semi-, the adverbs bene and male, and the varying combinations with multi- and falsi-. The word color is repeated in nocticolor, omnicolor, pudoricolor; pes in celeripes, loripes, planipes, sonipes, and septempedalis. Spissigradus and tardigradus are synonyms; also ferriterus and ferritribax; blandidicus, blandiloquus, and blandiloquentulus; 21 and the idea 'untruthful' may be variously expressed by confidentiloquus, fallaciloquus, falsiloquus, vanidicus, vaniloquus, versutiloquus. Most numerous are the compounds of -fer (13), -ger (15, including several diminutives and morigerus), and -ficus (31, including the variants -ficans, -ficabilis, and -ficina).

Variations in the meaning of the component parts are fre-

 $^{^{\}rm 17}$ A pun on the name Chrysalus, in which the relation of the two elements probably should not be too carefully analyzed.

¹⁸ Stolz (p. 400) lists noctuvigilus among the compounds formed with adverbial prefixes.

¹⁹ A form so unlike any other compound as to raise considerable doubt about the correctness of the emendation.

²⁰ Apparently formed on the analogy of words like falsificus.

²¹ Cf. blandiloquens, Decimus Laberius, Mim. 106.

quently carried over into the compound. The compounds of -fer reproduce practically all the meanings of the simple verb:

- a) 'bring': lucifer.
- b) 'carry': flabellifer, flammifer, furcifer, signifer.
- c) 'contain': dulcifer.
- d) 'produce':
- I. With concrete object: frondifer, frugifer.
- 2. With abstract object: horrifer, lucrifer, mortifer, pestifer.

Bilinguis means 'two-tongued,' i.e. 'cloven-tongued,' in Plaut. Pers. 299; 'speaking two languages,' in Enn. Ann. 496. Pestis in pestifer has the sense of 'evil' rather than 'pestilence'; Sescentoplagus suggests an indefinitely large number of blows; 22 and ter- and tri-, in the compounds terveneficus, trifurcifer, triparcus, trivenefica, simply add emphasis.23 The verbal stems, which usually have the active sense, are in a few cases used with passive force (spurcidici . . . vorsus, Plaut. Capt. 56; saevidicis dictis, Ter. Phorm. 213). We notice the contrast between cor luctificabile, 'a heart touched with sorrow' (Pac. Antiopa, frag. XIV), and leto tabificabili, 'doom that causes wasting' (Acc. Trag. 421); between velivolantibus navibus, 'ships winged with sails' (Enn. Trag. 52; cf. Trag. 74, Ann. 388), and genus altivolantum, 'the race that wings on high' (Ann. 81); and between the two uses of flexanimus in two passages of Pacuvius: flexanima tamquam lymphata, 'soul-stirred as though distraught' (Trag. 422), and flexanima oratio, 'soul-stirring speech' (Trag. 177).

As we should expect, the separate elements of the compound at first have their literal force. But anceps, even in the time of Plautus, has passed from the meaning 'twoheaded' to 'two-edged' (securim, Men. 858; securicula. Rud. 1158), and then to the general sense 'double' (infortunio, Poen. 25); and simplex, duplex, quadruplex, centuplex, and multiplex have lost all idea of 'folds,' 24 just as locuples

²² Compare the use of sescenta in Plaut. Aul. 320 (quoted by Lindsay on Capt. 726); also Bacch. 1034, Ps. 632.

²⁸ Cf. trifur, Plaut. Aul. 633; triportenta, Pac. Trag. 381.

²⁴ Contrast Plautus' coinage vestiplica (Trin. 252), in which the literal meaning of the verb is retained.

and mansues, princeps and universus, have lost their literal connection with 'place' and 'hand,' 'take' and 'turn.' Munificus is no longer 'gift-making,' but 'generous'; sacrilegus, 'shrine-robber,' and furcifer, 'yoke-bearer,' are general terms of abuse. Both the tragic and the comic poets give figurative turns to familiar words: bicorpores Gigantes (i.e. 'huge'), Naev. Carm. 20, 2; bilinguis, 'deceitful,'25 Plaut. Truc. 781 (cf. Pers. 299, where both meanings are suggested); versipellis, 'fertile in resources,' Bacch. 657; quadrupedem constringito, 'bind him hands to feet,' Ter. And. 865.26 The coinages of comedy, too, abound in similar twists.

In other cases, we can watch the word in process of change. *Manifestus*, literally 'struck with the hand,' has in nearly all the early instances the idea 'caught in the act, red-handed,' applied either to the criminal or to the crime:

Manufestum hunc obtorto collo teneo furem flagiti.

- Plaut. Amph. frag. 9.

Nec magis manufestum ego hominem umquam ullum teneri vidi: Omnibus male factis testes tres aderant acerrumi.

— Id. Men. 594-595.

Ubi praensus in furto sies manufesto. — Id. Asin. 569.

But we also find

Perii hercle ego, manufesta res est. — Id. Cas. 895;

and the sense 'clear, evident' is common in later writers. Similarly, in Plautus' use of *magnificus* we can detect the idea 'making something out to be great, putting on airs':

Post cum magnifico milite, urbes verbis qui inermus capit Conflixi atque hominem reppuli. — *Bacch.* 966–967. Ut ego tua magnifica verba neque istas tuas magnas minas Non pluris facio quam ancillam meam quae latrinam lavat.

- Curc. 579-580.

In the Latin of the Ciceronian Age, however, magnificus has the meaning 'great, noble,' or 'splendid, rich.'

²⁵ The meaning found in Verg. Aen. 1, 661.

²⁶ See notes in editions of Freeman and Sloan and of Ashmore.

A number of the adjectives are used substantively: Arquitenens, 'the archer god (or goddess)'; Cortinipotens, 'the god of the tripod'; sonipes, 'the sounding-hoofed (steed)'; planipes (Atta, Tog. 1), 'ballet-dancer.' Benevolus (-ens) and malevolus (-ens) are common as substantives, especially in the plural; pedisequus and pedisequa are used of male and female attendants, veneficus and venefica as terms of abuse. Some of the nouns take on practically a technical sense: armiger, 'armor-bearer,' and signifer, 'standard-bearer'; Lucifer, 'the morning star'; Noctiluca, 'the moon.' Bidens, bisulcis, bipes, and quadrupes are used as biological terms, simplum and duplum or dupla (sc. pecunia) in law, particeps as 'fellow-soldier,' puerpera as 'a woman in labor.'

The distribution of these words is exceedingly interesting. The oldest specimens of Latin — the chants of the Salii and other priesthoods, the sententiae and praecepta of uncertain authorship — show no trace of them. The fragments of Livius Andronicus furnish only maleficus as an adjective and particeps as a noun.²⁸ Naevius has arquitenens, bicorpor, bipes, frondifer, quadrupes, suavisonus, and thyrsiger in his serious poems, and morigerus in a comedy. The Annals and tragedies of Ennius show a much freer use of compounds; the remains of his comedies are unfortunately too slight to warrant generalization. The numerous compounds of Plau-

²⁷ The reverse process occasionally takes place in a group of compounds ending in -a, which have the form of nouns, but are in several cases used attributively (Naev. Carm. 23; Plaut. Most. 356, Truc. 611; Acc. Trag. 642). These compounds are: bucaeda, Plaut. Most. 884; Cadmogena, Acc. Trag. 642; caelicola, Enn. Ann. 491, [Carm. 50]; Lucil. 28; cibicida, Lucil. 718; cruricrepida, Plaut. Trin. 1021; flagritriba, Id. Ps. 137; Graiugena, Pac. Trag. 364; ?inanilogista, Plaut. Ps. 256; legirupa, Id. Ps. 364, 975, Rud. 652; lucrifuga, Id. Ps. 1132; oculicrepida, Id. Trin. 1021; ?parenticida, Id. Epid. 349; parricida, Id. Ps. 362; plagipatida, Id. Capt. 472, Most. 356; servolicola, Id. Poen. 267; silvicola, Naev. Carm. 23; Acc. Trag. 237; tympanotriba, Plaut. Truc. 611; ulmitriba, Id. Pers. 278 b. For the signs used above see n. 4, p. 154, supra.

²⁸ Odorisequus appears in a fragment which is quoted by Terentianus Maurus and Marius Victorinus as from "Livius ille vetus," or "Livius Andronicus," but which should almost certainly be assigned to Laevius. See Baehrens' critical note on Laev. II a; Ribbeck, Röm. Trag. 34, n. 30; Havet in Rev. de Phil. XV (1891), 10-11; and the excellent summary in H. de la Ville de Mirmont's Études sur l'anc. poésie lat. pp. 174-176; 273-279.

tus are, in general, more common in lyrical passages than in senarii. They are, moreover, distributed very unevenly over the twenty plays — comparatively few in the Menaechmi, Mercator, Rudens, and Stichus, a great many in the Pseudolus and Trinummus. Aside from substantive uses, Terence has only benevolus and malevolus (most often in the prologues); simplex, duplex, princeps, and universus; magnificus, mirificus, morigerus, and saevidicus — the last three only once each.

Of the entire list of adjectives, 77 (or about 30%) seem to be $\tilde{\alpha}\pi a\xi$ elphhéva, not counting over 20 cases of doubtful text, which probably belong to the same class. Dentifrangibulus appears only twice, in a humorous scene in the Bacchides, quadrilibris in a single scene of the Aulularia, quadrimulus once in the Captivi and once in the Poenulus; furtificus, largiloquus, multigeneris, multiloquus, and multipotens are apparently peculiar to Plautus. Morigerus seems to be a comic (i.e. colloquial?) word, since it occurs in the comedies of Naevius, Terence, and Afranius, as well as of Plautus; while arquitenens, horrifer, and suavisonus are common to several writers of elevated poetry.

If we examine the prose of the same period,²⁹ as represented by Volume 1 of the *Corpus inscriptionum Latinarum*, the fragments of the orators and historians, Cato's *de Agri Cultura*, and the rhetorical treatise *ad Herennium*, we find only a very small proportion of these adjectives in use.³⁰ The smallest number appears in the *Corpus*, the largest in

²⁹ Statements are made here on the basis of material collected by students of Professor A. L. Wheeler, of Bryn Mawr College. The orators are quoted from Meyer² (1842), the historians from Peter² (1914), Cato from Keil (1884).

³⁰ Very few compound adjectives of any sort occur, and only the following examples of those used in poetry: anceps, ad Her. IV, 54, 67; beneficus, Cato, Orat. frag. 60 (p. 110); benevolus, ad Her. I, 4, 6. 7. 8 (bis); duplex, Cato, de. Agr. 18, 5; 20, 2; Sisenna, Hist. frag. 16; ad Her. II, 20, 31; 24, 38; 25, 39; III, 20, 33; duplus (s. n.), C.I.L. I, 198, 59 (lex repetundarum), 1254; Cato, de. Agr. Introd. I; locuples, ad Her. II, 19, 30; maledicus, ib. II, 8, 12; malevolus, ib. II, 8,12; misericors, ib. II, 17, 25; multiplex, ib. IV, 54, 67; munificus, Cato, Orat. frag. inc. 9 (p. 147); pestifer, ad Her. II, 26, 41; quadrupulus (s. n.), Cato, de. Agr. Introd. 1; simplex, ad Her. II, 2, 3; 24, 38 (bis); III, 20, 33; simplus (s. n.), C.I.L. I, 198, 59; trimus, Cato, de. Agr. 45, 3; 47; universus, C.I.L. I, 196, 19 (senatus consultum de Bacchanalibus); Crassus, Orat. frag. 4 (p. 300); veneficus (s. f.), Cato, Orat. frag. inc. 27 (p. 149). For s. n. and s. f. see n. 4, p. 154, supra.

the Auctor ad Herennium. Bene and male are found here, as in poetry, in combination with dico, facio, and volo; anceps, duplex, locuples, and universus occur in the figurative sense, and simplum and duplum have the same legal connotation that they had in Plautus. The form mansues, which is quoted from a letter of Cato (Fest. 154 M), does not appear among the other fragments; but mansuetus is found in Sempronius Asellio, Hist. frag. 3, and ad Her. 11, 17, 25. Cato uses vitigeneus (de Agr. 41, 3), connected with caprigenus and taurigenus; bipedalis (de Agr. 14, 2) and sesquipedalis (de Agr. 15; 18, 5), corresponding to septempedalis; and Sisenna has semionustus (Hist. frag. 139), parallel to semidoctus.

Practically the same results are reached from an examination of Cicero's orations and philosophical works. Merguet's Lexicon gives only 43 of the adjectives, 31 and these the least vivid on the list, for example: beneficus, benevolus, maleficus, malevolus; words like anceps, duplex, locuples, and universus, which have lost their original meaning; technical terms such as armiger, signifer, particeps, pediseguus; bipes, quadrupes, pinniger; duplum and quadruplum.

Cicero's poetry, however, shows a very different vocabulary. Here we find altisonus, altitonans, bicorpor, and semianimus, which had been used by earlier poets, and a wealth of new formations: anxifer, auctifer, aurifer, umbrifer, corresponding to the older compounds of -fer; horrisonus, the opposite of suavisonus; multiplicabilis, with the suffix so frequently adopted by writers of tragedy.

What is true of Cicero's poetry is true also of the work of Lucretius, Catullus, and Vergil.³² All these poets echo the

³¹ Anceps, armiger (s.m.), beneficus, benevolus, bipes (s.), carnificina, duplex, duplus, foedifragus (twice), frugifer, furcifer (s. m.), hostificus (once), lapicidina (s.f.), locuples, lucifugus (once), magnanimus, magnificus, maledicens (once), maledicus, maleficus, malevolus, manceps, manifestus, mirificus, misericors, mortifer, multiplex, munificus, particeps, pediseguus (s. m.), pestifer, pinniger (once, in technical sense), princeps, quadrupes (s.), quadrupulus (s. n.), sacrilegus, semisomnus (once), signifer (usually technical), simplex, suaviloquens (once - in a literary echo?), triplex, universus, and veneficus. Cicero also uses mansuetus, but not mansues.

³² O. Weise, Characteristik d. lat. Sprache3, Leipzig, 1905; H. Pullig, Ennio quid debuerit Lucretius, Halle, 1888; J. Froebel, Ennio quid debuerit Catullus,

vocabulary of their predecessors (especially Ennius) and form new compounds on the analogy of those already existing. The notable exception to the general rule is Horace, who prefers phrases like ter amplum (Carm. II, 14, 7), used of Geryon, ter aevo functus (Carm. II, 9, 13) of Nestor, ministrum fulminis (Carm. IV, 4, 1) of the eagle of Jove, and fulgente decorus arcu (Carm. Saec. 61) of Apollo, to the sonorous compounds of the earlier poets.³³

It is possible to draw some general conclusions about the relation of compound adjectives to Latin style.³⁴ The power to form compounds, which the Latin language inherited from the parent speech, was probably freely employed in the preliterary period. Traces of these compounds must have remained in the spoken language, and, to a limited extent, in literature, especially in the writings of Cato and Plautus, who (in the bulk of their work, at least) keep close to the level of everyday speech. To this class we may perhaps assign morigerus, which differs both in formation and in tone from the compounds of -ger common in Ennius and later poets; manifestus, with the secondary form manifestarius; ³⁵ locuples, mansues, and the various numeral combinations with -plico and -imus.

At the time of the earliest written Latin, however, the language had lost its flexibility. Livius Andronicus uses practically no compounds, avoiding them in his translation of the Odyssey even when they would have exactly represented the phrasing of Homer. In the first line, $\pi o \lambda \dot{v} \tau \rho \sigma \sigma v$ becomes versutum (Carm. 1), and $\epsilon \dot{v} \dot{\omega} \pi \iota \delta a$ is omitted altogether in translating Od. VI, 142 (= Carm. 19: Utrum genua amploctens virginem oraret). But with the growing influence of Greek

Jena, 1910; C. A. Bentfeld, *Der Einfluss des Ennius auf Vergil*, Salzburg, 1875. I hope at some future time to carry the investigation down into the Silver Age.

³³ Cf. Stolz, Lat. Nominalkomp., pp. 10-11; Fr. Seitz, De adiectivis poetarum Lat. compositis (Bonn, 1878), pp. 22-23; Shorey, Horace, Odes and Epodes (Boston, 1898), Introd. xviii-xx.

³⁴ Cf. Stolz, Hist. Gram. I, pp. 369-376; Norden, I, 187, n. I.

³⁵ Parallel to strufertarius (Fest. 295 M).

³⁶ Cf. F. Kunz, Die älteste röm. Epik in ihrem Verhältniss zu Homer, Unter-Meidling (1890), p. 7.

style we find compounds reappearing in Latin ³⁷ (Naev. Carm. 32, arquitenens = $\tau o \xi o \phi \delta \rho o s$; Trag. 20, suavisonus = $\eta \delta v \beta \delta \eta s$). The introduction of hexameter verse by Ennius undoubtedly gave great impetus to the movement. ³⁸ Polysyllables were better suited to dactylic meter than to the rough Saturnian, and words like $l\bar{a}nig\check{e}r$, $fr\bar{u}g\check{t}f\check{e}r$, $d\bar{o}ct\check{t}l\check{o}qu\bar{u}s$, and $b\bar{e}ll\check{t}p\check{o}t\bar{e}ns$ could be handled with special ease.

In this detail, as in many others, it was true that the Latin poets non verba sed vim Graecorum expresserunt poetarum (Cic. Acad. Post. 1, 3, 10). Compounds in the Greek manner are frequently introduced into the Latin adaptation even where the Greek original contains none. The opening lines of the Iphigenia of Ennius (Trag. 177–178),

Quid noctis videtur in altisono Caeli clipeo?

translate Eur. Iph. Aul. 6,

τίς ποτ' ἄρ' ἀστὴρ ὅδε πορθμεύει;

and Enn. Ann. 264, fici dulciferae, represents the Homeric συκέαι τε γλυκεραί (Od. VII, 116 et al.).39

Pacuvius and Accius carry on the tradition,⁴⁰ Pacuvius sometimes producing compounds that border on the grotesque (*repandirostrus*,⁴¹ *incurvicervicus*). Laevius experiments with words as he does with meters, and achieves forms destined to call forth the wonder of later generations (Gell. xix, 7).⁴²

⁸⁷ F. T. Cooper (*Word Formation in the Roman Sermo Plebeius* [New York, 1905], pp. 299-300) makes the tendencies of popular speech largely responsible for these compounds.

³⁸ Cf. Ribbeck, Röm. Dicht. 1, p. 43; Weise, Char. d. lat. Sprache, p. 86.

⁸⁹ Cf. Kunz, p. 19.

⁴⁹ See L. Koterba, De sermone Pacuviano et Acciano (Diss. Phil. Vind. VIII [1905], 111-192).

⁴¹ Marx on Lucil. 212 quotes Epicharm. 46 K, μακροκαμπυλαύχενε, as a parallel to *incurvicervicus*. Repandirostrus may also have been paralleled in Greek, although this idea is generally expressed by σιμός. A similar phrase occurs in Liv. And. Trag. 5-6, and the picture of the sportive, music-loving dolphins is common in Greek literature. Cf. Pseudo-Arion, 4-II, and Eur. El. 432-440, parodied by Ar. Ran. 1317-1318.

⁴² Even some of these exaggerated forms may have been suggested by the

Dulciorelocus is quite unparalleled in Latin, and tardigeniclo senio and pudoricolor aurora belong to the mere prettinesses of language.

With the comic poets the situation is different. As we have seen, Naevius avoids compounds in his lighter work. When Plautus and Terence use words of this type, they are sometimes writing tragice: 43

Magnanimi viri freti virtute et viribus. — Plaut. Amph. 212. Misericordior nulla mest feminarum. — Id. Rud. 281. Em, istuc serva; et verbum verbo, par pari ut respondeas, Ne te iratus suis saevidicis dictis protelet.

— Ter. Phorm. 212-213.

More often the comic poets indulged in humorous exaggerations of the word-formation current in tragedy. In so doing, the Roman writers showed kinship with Cratinus and Aristophanes, rather than with Menander and Diphilus, whom they were translating.⁴⁴ The contortiplicata nomina of Plaut. Pers. 702–705, and the epithet Scytalosagittipelliger, which an unknown poet gives to Hercules (Com. inc. 74 e), are exactly in the manner of Old Comedy. The most amusing effect, in Latin as in Greek, is produced by heaping up the compounds in a single line:

Salsipotenti et multipotenti Iovis fratri et Nerei Neptuno.
— Plaut. *Trin.* 820.

Domi habet animum falsiloquum, falsificum, falsiiurium.

—Id. Mil. 191.

Greek. The epithets trisaeclisenex and dulciorelocus, which Laevius applies to Nestor, have an interesting parallel in an epigram in the *Palatine Anthology* (VII, 144).

43 Cf. Don. ad Ter. *Phorm.* 137, 201, *Hec.* 281, *Adelph.* 638 (cited by Ribbeck, *Röm. Trag.* 643, nn. 35 and 36).

44 See Leo, Plaut. Forsch. (Berlin, 1895), pp. 91-99. The abusive epithets of Ps. 360-367 all have Greek equivalents, many of them with comic associations. Notice especially bustirapus (= τυμβωρύχος, Ar. Ran. 1149); sacrilegus (= ἰεριστυλος, Id. Plut. 30); periurus (= ἐπίορκος, Id. Nub. 400). Even verberavisti patrem et matrem (Ps. 367), as Leo pointed out (p. 93), represents πατραλοίας and μητραλοίας. πατραλοίας is used in exactly the same way in Nub. 911, 1327; and the dialogue between the Just and the Unjust Argument in Nub. 908-912 is strikingly similar to the passage in the Pseudolus.

Apud fustitudinas ferricrepinas insulas. — Id. Asin. 33. Oculicrepidae, cruricrepidae, ferriteri, mastigiae.

- Id. Trin. 1021.

O pestifera portentifica trux tolutiloquentia!

- Novius, Atell. 38.

Terence, however, is remarkably free from this tendency. With the exception of the line of the *Phormio* quoted above, which may possibly be a parody of the tragic style, ⁴⁵ he fulfills the promise made in the prologue to the *Heauton Timorumenos* (46): In hac est pura oratio.

In the next generation, the function of literary criticism was taken over by Lucilius. Line 875,

Verum tristis contorto aliquo ex Pacuviano exordio,

suggests that the poet may have found a play of Pacuvius extremely tiresome. Lines 27–29 seem to have been an adaptation of the council of the gods in the Annals of Ennius (cf. Ann. 491), and Bruttace bilingui (1124) was borrowed from Enn. Ann. 496. Several other passages containing compound adjectives have the ring of paratragoedia: contemnificus, 654; Cortinipotens, 276; grandaevus, 1108 (cf. grandaevitas, Pac. Trag. 162, Acc. Trag. 68, 245); monstrificabilis, 608 (cf. luctificabilis, Pac. Antiopa, frag. XIV); mortifer, 802 (cf. Trag. inc. 87); Iovis omnipotentis, 444 (cf. Enn. Ann. 458); pecus nasi rostrique repandum, 212 (cf. Nerei repandirostrum incurvicervicum pecus, Pac. Trag. 408); sonipes, 507 (cf. Acc. Trag. 603; Trag. inc. 237). 46

But at the beginning of the Ciceronian Age a reaction set in. The principle of "analogy" was invoked; forms were reduced to a norm; and the rule was formulated by Caesar: Ut tamquam scopulum, sic fugias inauditum atque insolens verbum (Gell. 1, 10, 4). Even Cicero, with all his admiration for Ennius, censured the more uncouth of the old compounds: Immo vero ista (sc. verba bene sonantia) sequamur asperitatemque fugiamus habeo istanc ego perterricrepam, itemque versutiloquas malitias (Or. 49, 164). Horace, carrying out

⁴⁵ Cf. Dziatzko-Hauler on Phorm. 213.

⁴⁶ Cf. Norden, 1, 186–187; and Marx's notes on ll. 654, 1108, 608, 444, 212, 507.

the same principle, comments on the sesquipedalia verba of tragedy (A.P. 97); and Quintilian writes of the phrase Nerei repandirostrum incurvicervicum pecus: Dure videtur struxisse Pacuvius (1, 5, 67).

It would seem, therefore, that the capacity for composition, though latent in the language from the beginning, never had a far-reaching effect upon Latin literature as a whole. Two general classes of compound adjectives may be recognized: an older group, going back to the early period of the language and preserved to some extent in popular speech; a later group, formed by Naevius, Ennius, and their successors, on the analogy of the Greek. A few adjectives of the latter class, which lost the literal sense of the compound and developed a transferred or technical meaning, made their way into standard prose. Many others were imitated by serious poets and satirized by comic poets; but, on the whole, words of this class were regarded as more or less artificial. Writers on style advised against them, and authors who aimed at purity of diction carefully avoided their use.

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⁴⁷ For the editions referred to and the signs used in this Index see n. 4, p. 154, supra.

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⁴⁹ Wrongly quoted in Thes. as Capt. 380.

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⁵¹ Starred in Lexicon, but quoted in Thes. also from Prud. Apoth. 660.

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